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1. ☒ The amendment filed on <u>21 July 2004</u> under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

   a) ☐ entered.

   b) ☐ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.

   c) ☐ disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.

   Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.

   d) ☒ disapproved. See explanation below.

   e) ☐ entered in part. See explanation below.

The MPEP states, "As to amendments affecting the disclosure, the scope of any claim, or that add a claim, the remarks accompanying the amendment must fully and clearly state the reasons on which reliance is placed to show:
(A)   why the amendment is needed;
(B)   why the proposed amended or new claims require no additional search or
examination;
(C)   why the claims are patentable; and
(D)   why they were not presented earlier."

Applicant has not stated why the claims are patenable and why they were not presented earlier.

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